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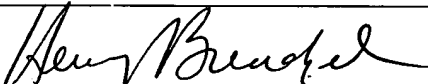
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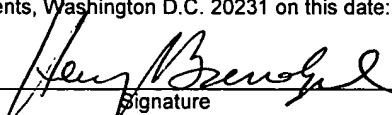
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WRITTEN REPLY

In response to a first written opinion in the above-identified case, dated 27 August 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please replace claim 1 with the following:

1. A method, executed in a control node, for controlling bandwidth of communication from a station to a destination module, where said station sends packets that carry a voice signal in a channel specified by said control node, comprising the steps of:
 - a) first ascertaining whether said station is in a silence period;
 - b) when said step of first ascertaining concludes that said station is in a silence period, sending a control message to said station that reduces bandwidth of said channel;
 - c) second ascertaining whether said station is in an active period;
 - d) when said step of second ascertaining determines that said station is in an active period, determining whether there is excess capacity that can be assigned to said station; and